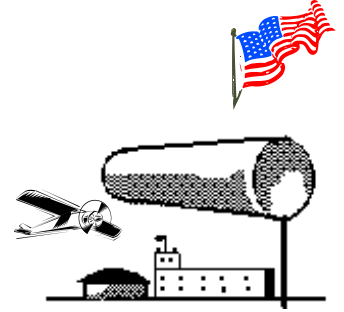


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THE SEARCH PARTY RETURNS EMPTY HANDED



Tim, John and Dan returning after not finding Dan's plane. However Jim Haney drove down the road adjacent to the field and spotted the plane next to the road. He recovered the plane and called the search team and everyone returned to the pits. On page 4 there are a couple more photos, one before the flight and one after the recovery.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

There hasn't been much activity at the flying field over the last few weeks mainly due to the Thanksgiving holidays and of course, the cold winter weather that is here now. By the time you read this month's Newsletter Christmas will be just a couple of weeks away.

We had a fun Thanksgiving week with our family reunion together here in Branson. The event was planned by our relatives from Texas who rented an 8 bedroom house near SDC. We had 30 people visit during the week. I had rejuvenated one of the trainer planes in the storage shed and hooked up a Buddy Box so I could let some of the kids fly. We spend a couple of hours at the field flying on Friday. Five kids and two dads. It was a spur-of-the-moment decision so we piled in a couple of cars and ran out to get a little flying in. I flew the Sig Kadet (80"-6 cell) about 6 minutes then filled up the trainer plane with a tankful of fuel. I flew 4 kids on the Buddy Box, dead stick landed, more fuel and then flew another kid and two dads. We packed up and headed back to visit with the family. They all enjoyed the planes.

The Club's nominating committee will be offering their slate of officers at December's meeting. The floor will be open to accept any additional nominations. After all nominations are presented, a vote will be taken and those individuals with the majority vote will be elected to serve for 2022. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 10:00AM at the Club field. Come and fly and vote.

The current nominees are John Woods President, Gene Fuson Vice President, Don Johnson Secretary and Bud Austin Treasurer. Fritz Corbin will be retiring from the Treasurer position. I know we all thank Fritz for handling this position as well as mowing, fixing all kinds of things and chasing the armadillos away. Also thank you Fritz for taking care of and maintaining the electric fence.... a huge task.

Be sure and mark your calendar for our New Year's day Fun Fly..... rain or shine or snow. We will plan on meeting at 10 A.M. January 1, 2023 at the field. More details will follow.

Sunday Dec.4 I had a serious health problem I want to share with you. I woke up from resting and felt a very uncomfortable strange feeling come over me. As it turned out I was experiencing a stroke. After determining the effects of this Janet called 911 and 20 minutes later I was in the ER at Cox hospital going through an MRI tube. The prognoses of the various procedures was that I had had a mild stroke. That evening and the next day, lots of test but no definitive cause. I was feeling about 100% OK but nothing was showing up. I was released Monday afternoon and will continue advice and medication from the doctors. Thank you all for your support.

Janet and I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas.

Happy landingsJohn &

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

President John Woods opened the meeting at 10:05 AM, at the Club flying field. There were 7 members present including all officers except Gene Fuson. There were no guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$2,742.67 in the Treasury as of NOVEMBER 1, 2022. . The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the AUGUST 2022 meeting were approved as written in the SEPTEMBER Newsletter. The raffle was won by Dan Coogan and he received \$5 of the \$10 pot.

COMMITTEE REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Gary Merseal took the sheet metal from the wind destroyed shelter to the recycle center and sold it for \$38. He saved the steel support parts and is figuring a way to use the framework and cover it with new sheet metal to make a new shelter.

NEW BUSINESS:

President John discussed Club Officers for 2023, noting that many had been in office for many years and asked who was willing to be nominated for office next year. Bud Austin said he would be willing to be nominated for Treasurer and Don Johnson said although he would like to step down as Secretary, he was willing to be nominated again. The election of Club officers will be held at the December Club meeting.

Don also said he probably will be giving up Editor of the Wind Sock Club Newsletter soon after the end of 2022. If any Club member would like to be the Editor please speak up.

John said he will setup the two Club trainers in the shed for new pilot training as soon as he can work out a reliable buddy box arrangement,

John said that the FFA is continuing to develop and make rules for drones (any unmanned flying vehicle) and reviewed the developments to date. Maybe soon we will be able to see what the final drafts are.

John brought up the subject of 2023 Club dues. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the dues remain at \$80 per year.

PROGRAM:

Fly before and after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

This issue of the Newsletter is somewhat hard to do. For the last year or so your Editor's flying skills have steadily declined. As we age our eyesight and reflexes tend to diminish and for me it has progressed to the point that I can't take off and land without a high probability of crashing the plane. I also tend to loose site of the plane when it is very far up in the air. I have several nice planes in my hanger but crashing them every time I try to fly is no fun. So after the NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY flight, with a copilot standing close by, I will be retiring from RC flying.

Also, as mentioned last month, I will be stepping down as the Newsletter Editor. The January issue, after the NEW YEAR'S DAY Fun Fly, will probably be the last issue unless someone wishes to step forward as the new Editor.

It's been fun but all good things must eventually end.

Don't forget the Club's annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. Regardless of weather, be one of the first to fly on New Year's Day and earn a Certificate suitable for framing, testifying how brave a flyer you are. A take-off is required and a landing is optional.

Time to land for this month.....ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022			
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BALANCE	11/1/2022	\$2,742.67	\$ 3,229.83
INCOME-DUES -----			\$ 574.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 1.02	\$ 39.12
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 31.00	\$ 835.27
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----			\$ 19.99
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----			\$ 160.00
BALANCE	12/1/2022	\$2,717.69	\$ 2,717.69



Dan Coogan preparing his Turbo-Timber for take off. John Woods is standing by for technical assistance.

Dan's Turbo-Timber got away from him and took a deep dive into the trees. It appears that it will require major repairs to get it back in the air.



Jim Haney preparing to take his Turbo-Timber off on another nice flight.

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SAFETY FIRST

As we get into the winter building and repair season, I would like to remind everyone to use safety precautions if you are going to do any soldering.

Make sure you always work over a bench to avoid dripping hot solder on yourself. Been there, done that.

Always work in a ventilated area as the fumes from soldering are noxious and dangerous. Wear eye protection- most of us can't see without glasses anyway, and keep flammable materials away from the soldering area.

See You At The Field

Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE DECEMBER 13th, 10
AM AT THE CLUB FLYING
FIELD.**